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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 20. (New) A paving block having interconnected sides for use in
2 the construction of a paved surface for bearing wheeled traffic, said paving
3 block comprising
4 an upper planar surface and a lower surface spaced from and generally
5 parallel to said upper planar surface,
6 a lateral surface extending between said upper surface and said lower
7 surface on each side of the block,
8 each lateral surface having a planar lower portion and an associated
9 upper tapered planar portion,
10 said planar lower portion lying in a plane generally perpendicular to a
11 plane of said lower surface so that, with the blocks positioned adjacent each
12 other, said lower portions of said lateral surfaces of adjacent blocks abut
13 against each other,
14 said upper tapered portion of each lateral surface having a lower edge
15 which intersects and terminates at an upper edge of its associated lower
16 portion of said lateral surface, a plane of said upper tapered portion intersecting
17 a plane of its associated lower portion at an angle greater than zero degrees and
18 less than fifteen degrees so that an upper edge of each upper tapered portion is
19 spaced from and generally parallel to the upper edge of the upper tapered
20 portion of an adjacent paving block,
21 at least one of said lateral surfaces having at least one channel
22 extending from said bottom surface towards said upper surface, said channel
23 having a width greater than its depth, and

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- 24 wherein said at least one channel on one block registers with the at least
- 25 one channel on an adjacent block to form an open rain water drainage
- 26 passageway extending between said upper surface and said lower surface.